

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Krayton Kerns, on January 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Krayton Kerns, Chair (R)  
Rep. Timothy Furey, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Sterling Small (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Lauren Head, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 234, 1/13/2011

**HEARING ON HB 234**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:03 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 234, Revise agriculture laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:03 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:03 Pat Keim, Columbia Grain International, Inc. (CGI)

**EXHIBIT**(agh13a01)

00:11:12 Krista Lee Evens, Montana Grain Elevator Association (MGEA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:26 Rep. MacDonald  
00:16:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:17:29 Rep. MacDonald  
00:18:05 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:18:38 Rep. Read  
00:20:18 Mr. Christiaens  
00:21:16 Rep. Clark  
00:21:54 Mr. Keim  
00:23:37 Rep. Clark  
00:24:38 Mr. Keim  
00:26:00 Rep. Randall  
00:26:38 Ms. Evans  
00:26:46 Rep. Randall  
00:27:53 Ms. Evans  
00:28:45 Rep. Randall  
00:29:31 Ms. Evans  
00:30:23 Vice Chair Wagner  
00:32:32 Mr. Christiaens  
00:33:11 Vice Chair Wagner  
00:33:26 Mr. Christiaens  
00:34:00 Vice Chair Wagner  
00:34:07 Rep. Salomon  
00:34:40 Mr. Keim  
00:34:48 Rep. Salomon  
00:35:03 Mr. Keim  
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00:35:44 Rep. Salomon  
00:36:58 Ms. Evans  
00:37:39 Rep. Salomon  
00:37:47 Ms. Evans  
00:38:08 Rep. Hoven  
00:38:28 Mr. Christiaens

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:31 Rep. Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:41:30      Adjournment

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Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh13aad.pdf](#))